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Application of: Chen *et al.*

Application No.: 09/204,865

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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS
FOR FLOW-THROUGH
HYBRIDIZATION

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.113

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Sir:

Applicants have carefully considered the final Office Action mailed February 1, 2001, in connection with the above-captioned Application. Reconsideration of the claims in light of the amendments and remarks that follow is respectfully respected. Filed herewith are Exhibits A and B, a Notice of Appeal and a Petition for Extension of Time extending the period for responding by three months to and including August 1, 2001.

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS

Marked up copies of the following amended claims are attached hereto as Exhibit A. Please cancel Claims 1, 23, 58 and 62, without prejudice, and amend Claims 2-11, 13, 14, 21, 24-36, 40, 44, 50, 52, 59 and 60 to read as follows:

2. (Three Times Amended) The flow-through device of Claim 59 or 60 in which said porous substrate is about 1 mm to 20 mm thick.